

Active Pallbearers

Eric Mondell Ruffin
William Edward Ruffin, III
Brandon Palmer
Larry Darnell Ruffin, Jr.

Myles Jackson
Phillip Jackson
Jermaine Spears
Ce'Darius Ruffin

Honorary Pallbearers

William Edward Ruffin, Sr.
Carl Willis Ruffin
Larry Darnell Ruffin, Sr.
Gordie Slade Holt
Eric Jackson

Kenneth Ruffin, Jr.
Kenneth Cernelius Ruffin, Sr.
Anthony Dewayne Ruffin, Sr.
Terrence Antonio Holt
Robert Spears

and Deacons of the Bethel Baptist Church.

Acknowledgements

The family of Gloria Faye Harvey Ruffin gratefully acknowledges with appreciation the prayers, telegrams, florals and other expressions of sympathy shown during the demise of our loved one. Your kind words provided wind for our sails, and your love inspired us to do what needed to be done! With these kind words and deeds backing us each day, we have risen to face new challenges.

Interment

New Jerusalem Cemetery
Martin Luther King Drive
Many, Louisiana 71449



Jenkins Funeral Home
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In Loving Memory of

SUNRISE
March 23, 1942

SUNSET
March 6, 2025

Mrs. Gloria Faye Harvey Ruffin
SERVICES

The Life Church
30373 US-171
Many, Louisiana 71449

Rev. Jerome D. Newsome, Officiating

Obituary

Gloria Faye Harvey Ruffin was one who loved and trusted God and received wonderful blessings throughout her life that He had prepared for her. She was born March 23, 1942, in Alexandria, Louisiana to Bruce Herbert Harvey and Amanda Fields Harvey. Gloria transitioned to eternal rest on March 6, 2025, at the age of 82. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bruce and Amanda Harvey; Two sons, Roderick LaMoyne and Gregory Dion Ruffin; Two brothers, Roy Herbert Harvey and Clement Louis Harvey; and, one grandson, Derian Collier.

On November 27, 1964, Gloria married the love of her life, William Edward Ruffin, Jr., and to this union four sons were born: Roderick LaMoyne, Gregory Dion, Eric Mondell and William Edward, III. For Sixty years, they cherished a life of tremendous love, devotion and laughter coupled with faith. Gloria was very serious in every endeavor she pursued, and she adored taking care of her husband, children, family and friends. Her profound dedication to her profession enabled her to inspire and prepare students for lifetime learning and improved speech.

Gloria accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at an early age and was baptized at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana by the late Rev. Ezra Charles Curtis. She served and worshiped faithfully until moving to Many, Louisiana. Upon arriving in Many and believing profoundly that ***“A family that prays together stays together”***, she united with the Bethel Baptist Church where she faithfully served until her health declined.

Gloria received her early educational training in the Rapides Parish School System of Alexandria, Louisiana and graduated from Peabody High School. She had a passion for education which led her to Grambling State University where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Speech Pathology. She later received her Master of Education Degree from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana. She worked in the Sabine Parish School System for 35 years. After thirty-five years of educating, guiding and encouraging the students of Sabine Parish, she retired in 2000. She was a proud member of the Louisiana Association of Educators, Louisiana Speech and Hearing Association and the National Educators Association. Gloria's life reflects her love for Christ, family and her fellowman.

Gloria Faye Harvey Ruffin is survived and fondly remembered by her loving, faithful and devoted husband, William Edward Ruffin, Jr.; Her children: Eric Mondell Ruffin (Loretha) William Edward Ruffin, III (Whitney); One Sister, Irma Jean Harvey Patterson; Eight Grand-Children: Brandon Palmer, Ce'darious Ruffin (Allison), Erica Ruffin, Jarel Hudson, William, IV, Winter, Wyleigh, Wrenley; and Nine Great Grand-Children, Deonte Palmer, Javis Palmer, Rylee Palmer, Jala Hudson, Joy Hudson, Zy'aire Perkins, Lyla Ruffin, Carly Ruffin, and Alexis Ruffin. She also leaves a special bond of In-Laws: Eola Harvey, Patricia Thomas, Shirley and Gordie Holt, Jennifer Ruffin, Carl and Rochelle Ruffin, Pamela Ruffin, Kenneth and Mae Ruffin, Larry Ruffin, Anthony and Willie Mae Ruffin; Two god children, Candice Barrett and Deon Willis, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for I am free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love to work, and play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found that place at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow;
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full; I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.*

*Perhaps my time seems all to brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me.*

*God wanted me now;
He set me free.*



Order of Service

Prelude		Soft Music
Processional		Soft Music
Scripture	Old Testament New Testament	Rev. C. R. Rainey Rev. Donnie Edmondson
Prayer		Rev. Jacob Maxie
Musical Selection		Choir
Family Tribute		Sis. Sheryl Harvey
Musical Selection	"In The Garden"	Sis. Edwina Thomas
Resolutions & Acknowledgements		Bethel Baptist Church
Musical Selection		Ruffin Brothers
Video Tribute		
Musical Selection		Choir
Eulogy		Rev. Jerome D. Newsome
Recessional		

Precious Moments

